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EXDIS FOR SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BUREAU CONTACTS WITH CARTER TRANSITION GROUP

1. AT MY REQUEST S/S ASKED THE BUREAUS DECEMBER 10 FOR NEW REPORTS ON THEIR CONTACTS WITH TONY LAKE AND HIS COLLEAGUES. THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF THESE REPORTS UPDATES THE SUMMARY I SENT TO YOU IN MEXICO DECEMBER 2 (TOSEC 310449).

2. DICK MOOSE CALLED ON ART HUMMEL DECEMBER 9 TO ASK ABOUT EA BUREAU ORGANIZATION AND POSSIBLE REALIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES (DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND OFFICE DIRECTORS). HE SOUGHT ART'S PERSONAL EVALUATION OF MANY INDIVIDUAL FSOS AND MEMBERS OF ACADEMIA. MOOSE ALSO BRIEFLY ASKED ABOUT OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE KOREANS AND A6OUT PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS, VOLUNTEERING THAT HE HAD BEEN PLEASED AT NEWS OF A \$1 BILLION AGREEMENT, THE TERMS OF WHICH WOULD HAVE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT.

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3. DON MCHENRY ASKED HARRY SHLAUDEMAN DECEMBER 4 WHAT IT

WOULD TAKE TO GET A NEW PANAMA TREATY; HARRY REVIEWED THE DURATION AND DEFENSE PROBLEMS. HARRY NOTED TO MCHENRY THAT

LOPEZ PORTILLO'S WIFE WOULD COME TO THE INAUGURATION, THAT HER HUSBAND WAS ALSO INVITED AND IN ANY CASE WOULD PRESS TO SEE OUR NEW PRESIDENT, AT WHICH MEETING MEXICO'S IDEA OF A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE DEAL ON SPECIAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD SURFACE. MCHENRY ASKED WHETHER ARA SHOULD HAVE A CAREER OR NON-CAREER ASSISTANT SECRETARY; SHLAUDEMAN SAID THAT MIGHT DEPEND IN PART ON WHAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION HAD IN MIND FOR LATIN AMERICA. HARRY SAYS THEY ALSO DISCUSSED ARA'S RELATIONS WITH THE SEVENTH FLOOR, ARA'S RECENT REORGANIZATION, AND THE GENERAL CALIBER OF ARA PEOPLE. HARRY ENDED WITH A TOUR D'HORIZON OF THE SOUTHERN CONE, PERU AND THE CARIBBEAN.

4. ROY ATHERTON REPORTS AS FOLLOWS ON HIS MEETINGS LAST WEEK WITH DAN SPIEGEL AND DICK MOOSE:

"IN THE TWO MEETINGS WITH SPIEGEL, HE WANTED TO FOCUS PRINCIPALLY ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM. THE POINTS HE WAS MOST INTERESTED IN WERE HOW URGENT IT WAS TO MOVE QUICKLY ON THIS PROBLEM (I.E., HOW MUCH TIME WE HAVE BEFORE THINGS BEGIN TO COME APART ON THE ARAB SIDE), AND HOW THE ADMINISTRATION MIGHT PROCEED TO BEGIN TO TACKLE THE ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEM. IN THE LATTER CONNECTION, HE WANTED TO DISCUSS THE RELATIVE MERITS OF SENDING A SPECIAL EMISSARY TO THE AREA, INVITING MIDDLE EAST LEADERS TO COME HERE, WHETHER WE SHOULD WORK FOR AN EARLY CONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE OR SHOULD SEEK TO DELAY IT, WHETHER A FORMULA COULD BE FOUND FOR PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION, AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF DOMESTIC ISRAELI POLITICS TO THE PEACE-MAKING PROCESS. I DISCUSSED ALL OF THESE MATTERS WITH HIM ALONG THE LINES OF THE ISSUES PAPER NEA PREPARED ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

"THE MEETING WITH SPIEGEL AND MOOSE TOGETHER FOCUSED ENTIRELY ON IRAN WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ARMS SALES POLICY. MOOSE IN PARTICULAR WANTED TO EXPLORE IN DETAIL WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE OF A SLOW-DOWN OF ARMS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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IRAN AND A TURN-DOWN OF SPECIFIC ITEMS SUCH AS THE F-18."

ROY REPORTS THAT STEVE PALMER IN NEA/RA HAS DISCUSSED WITH SPIEGEL THE TIME SENSITIVITY OF THE BOYCOTT ISSUE, NEA'S COUNTRY GUIDANCE PAPER EXERCISE, AND NEA'S FORTH-COMING OPTIONS PAPER ON THE US ROLE IN CENTO. IN ADDITION, PALMER PLUS ERICSON OF PM HAVE DISCUSSED WITH MOOSE AND SPIEGEL THE STATUS OF NSSM 238 (PERSIAN GULF POLICY). THE

LATTER INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPOSITION THAT,
INSO FAR AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE, DECISIONS ON THE MAY 76
RESPONSE BE DEFERRED FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. ERICSON

DISCUSSED IN FAIRLY GENERAL TERMS SOME FMS CASES WHICH ARE
READY TO GO TO THE HILL. MOOSE THOUGHT THE SFRC WOULD NOT
OBJECT TO "NON-SENSITIVE" SALES (E.G., ECM PODS FOR IRAN)
BEFORE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION COMPLETED THE 238 EXERCISE.

5. EUR REPORTS THAT PAULA STERN CALLED ON ARMITAGE
DECEMBER 8 TO DISCUSS BUREAU OPERATIONS, AND ALSO SAW
BRIEFLY VINE AND LAINGEN.

6. AF REPORTS NO CONTACT WITH THE LIAISON TEAM OTHER THAN
A CALL BY MCHENRY TO SEELYE DECEMBER 6 TO ASK ABOUT FESTAC
(THE WEST AFRICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL). PA REPORTS THAT
JOHN REINHARDT HAS MET TWICE WITH MCHENRY, TO DISCUSS USIA
AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE
DETAILS SINCE REINHARDT WAS IN LONDON.

7. IN S/P, MAYNES SPENT TWO HOURS WITH VELIOTES DECEMBER 6
LARGELY ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES AND THE DEPARTMENT'S
ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THEM, AND PAULA STERN SAW REG
BARTHOLOMEW DECEMBER 7 FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION.

8. AS REGARDS OTHER BUREAUS, PAUL BOEKER IN EB HAS
DISCUSSED NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES TWICE WITH MAYNES; HAL
SAUNDERS HAS DISCUSSED WITH PAULA STERN THE FILLING OF
TOP JOBS IN INR; JIM GOODBY IN PM HAS DISCUSSED WITH MOOSE
THE MURPHY COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HANDLING
POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT. FINALLY,
SEVERAL BUREAUS REPORT DISCUSSIONS ON THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL
ROLE, RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER BUREAUS AND AGENCIES, ETC.
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